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Photo by Master Sgt. Mike Nixon

Wonderful homecoming

Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Siewert, 509th Maintenance Squadron, hugs his wife, Jennifer, and son, Christian, upon returning from a deployed location with nearly 200 other 509ers. Siewert was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The airmen who returned Sunday received a post-deployment health exam, directed by the Department of Defense. Additionally, 40 airmen who returned before the guidelines were announced participated. The more comprehensive exam will pre-

vent confusion associated with reports of Gulf War Syndrome. According to base health officials, within a full day of return, every warrior completes an extensive health survey, visits with a provider and gives a blood sample. The blood sample will be stored indefinitely at a central DOD lab. If a pattern of illness is discovered in a unit or in people who deployed to a certain location, blood given the day they returned can be tested.

'We have witnessed history'

By 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick
Public Affairs

Sunday, nearly 200 deployed members with the B-2 forward-operating squadron returned home. While bystanders only saw a jet land, members departed the aircraft with kudos from commanders and then rushed to the arms of waiting loved ones. This event was the culmination of months of work by the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

However, the work began long before the members left.

Whiteman made history when more than 1,000 members deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Along with them went hundreds of tons of cargo. Orchestrating the deployment process of so many members and so much cargo is a monumental task.

Yet, the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron ensured members and cargo were ready to leave Whiteman prepared to support the mission. In charge of ensuring this is Maj. Bruce Bartholomew, 509th LRS operations officer.

Squadron members provide time-sensitive transportation

of people, household goods, aircraft components and general-purpose cargo, said Bartholomew. Breaking this down further, he said the readiness flight plans and implements the wing's wartime mobility tasks.

To accomplish this, the readiness flight develops plans to deploy members and equipment effectively and efficiently. Like a carefully choreographed dance, the preparation pays off when people and cargo smoothly depart. Aircraft arrive; pre-determined cargo and troops are loaded and depart.

Although rehearsed, the dance to support the first-ever deployed combat operations of the B-2 had never been performed. More than 200 tons of cargo and more than 200 passengers had to be processed and loaded onto three KC-10s, 2 C-5s and one Boeing 777 passenger jet. The performance was superb said the major.

For Bartholomew, the most challenging part was the difference between exercise deployments and actual deployments.

"With a real-world deployment, there isn't time to rethink a problem," he said. "You must react quickly."

Anticipating problems was also one of the bigger challenges, he said.

In the end, the 509th LRS team captured many lessons learned that helped with the deployment of the 442nd Fighter Wing a few weeks later.

"I believe we have witnessed history," said Bartholomew. The B-2 previously flew combat sorties from Whiteman, but a shift in thinking was required to forward deploy the aircraft.

Looking back after the B-2s and the 442nd FW deployed, Bartholomew said he felt that the support of Team Whiteman and proving the B-2 can be forward deployed were the most rewarding aspects.

"I enjoyed being the conductor for this huge concert, but it wasn't my work that made it happen," said Bartholomew. "It was the dedication and talent of the members that work in the LRS, wing plans and the wing augmentees that made this deployment a huge success. Ultimately, it takes nearly everybody at Whiteman to get these members off this base to go to war."

Commander's Corner

By Col. Doug Raaberg

509th Bomb Wing Commander

OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORT IS STRONG. I want to send our neighbors in Warrensburg an enormous thank you! Along with the Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club support, the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce — with Tammy Long leading — sponsored a tremendous evening of fun for our families of deployed members, as well as a fun way to say thank you to our airmen for their success in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The April 25 get-together at the Warrensburg Community Center was an incredible success. Hundreds of Whiteman families, and probably more than 600 people, experienced first hand the kind, supportive and wonderful people who make up the rest of our team. We can't do what we do without their support.

And, as if that night wasn't enough, Central Missouri State University sponsored another wonderful program at the CMSU Mules baseball game Saturday. Again, many Whiteman families turned out on this wonderful day to watch a fantastic team. Thank you to Bobby Patton, CMSU President, for his strong support of Team Whiteman and this wonderful Whiteman Tribute Day at the ballpark.

Well done to Airman 1st Class Tracy Woods, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron, who sang "God Bless America" during the seventh inning stretch. I also want to thank our honor guard who presented the colors before the game ... they represented us well!

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Tuesday we honored our volunteers at the annual volunteer awards recognition reception. You would have been floored at the number of volunteers who make the true difference in all facets of our mission.

Would you believe more than 500 volunteers? I was presented a huge "check" for more than \$950,000 to (Chief) Jack Bryant, family support center director, that represents the cost of paying for our volunteer's time. We are a blessed base.

Three people received personal awards from our Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. John Jumper, for their tireless and devoted work as volunteers. My hearty congratulations to Lori Olive, Sharon Kendall and Lisa Johnson for receiving the highest compliment for their volunteerism. I can't say it enough; Whiteman wouldn't be nearly as great a base without their support. Thanks for all your time and energy.

Thank you Glenda Alexander for serving as the master of ceremonies and the entire FSC team. Finally, Senior Airman Tim Owen, 509th Maintenance Squadron, your rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" was very moving for us all.

I'd also like to take a few moments to thank the other members of Team Whiteman who volunteer in our communities. Hundreds of our people are devoting thousands of hours every week and it's making a huge difference — to our communities, to our children, to our base.

THE SPIRIT IS ALIVE IN THE DORMS. I dropped in on the dorm manager's meeting this week to present Tech. Sgt. Teddy Anderson with the Whiteman Spirit Award. Teddy truly represents the outstanding team spirit that exists in our dorm managers ... his selfless service to aid another officer who needed car repair was above and beyond. "Routine" for him!

The dorm managers are excited about the progress we're making to continue improvements on living conditions and dorm furniture. Our new contactor cleaners are doing

well and the dorm residents have taken the lead on keeping their house in top shape. The members of Challenger Hall, led by Staff. Sgt. Alanna Close, showed us the way on converting to new furniture — we'll make it a little easier on the other dorms as we upgrade the others. Thank you and keep it up.

THEY'RE BACK! Sunday morning a huge Northwest 747 brought home the last members of our expeditionary B-2 squadron. The reception was not only patriotic, but also fitting for a great group of war fighters who made our first combat deployment such a huge success. I appreciate the coin ... "The Mother of All — 'Whoopin'".

This deployment marks a revolutionary milestone in B-2 history and reflects greatly on everyone involved. Once again, though — keep your eyes on your friends, neighbors and co-workers with spouses deployed. We have more than 400 members of Team Whiteman still active around the globe — and some are hitting 180 days and counting. This is a tough time for their families — they need your support.

I've asked everyone to keep our families informed of what is going on; however, be careful to not speculate on return dates or events from the theatre. For example, the initiation of Stop-Loss doesn't necessarily change the of calculus when someone will return home. It's strictly a force-management tool for your Air Force in very critical career fields.

AN EXTRAORDINARY EXECUTIVE OFFICER. I'd like to publicly say THANK YOU to my executive officer, 1st. Lt. Dan Henderson, who is moving on to Langley Air Force Base, Va. He revolutionized the way we do business and has literally touched everyone's life on this base. He has put a trademark on many of the packages that recognize both units and individuals; frankly, he has put a "finger print" on our



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Tech. Sgt. Teddy Anderson, Discovery Hall dorm manager, grabs a bag of landscaping mulch.

involvement in Operations Allied Force, Enduring and Iraqi Freedom.

Stop in and say goodbye to Dan as he hands the reigns to Capt. Gary Pillow, who takes the helm Monday. These two officers truly demonstrate the ultimate in professionalism.

FAREWELL TO A DEVOTED MEMBER. Sunday, we lost a cherished member of our team to a tragic motor vehicle accident. Our hearts go out to out to Master Sgt. David Dowler's family and the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron — he will be sorely missed, particularly on the flight line. He will always be remembered as an extraordinary maintainer and up-and-coming "Proud Super."

I ask we take another moment for pause to count our blessings of freedom and life, but also to rekindle the spark of safety that is necessary to sustain both. Everyone is critical to our mission!

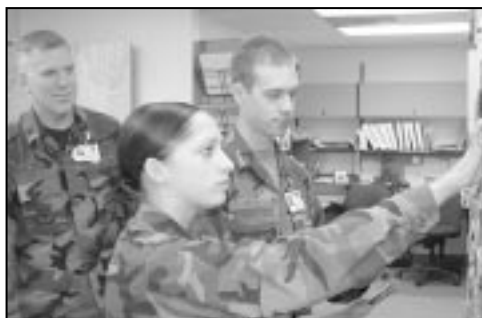


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Dental clinic members Airman Basic Tiffany Adams and Airman 1st Class Jeffery Willis pull records as Lt. Col. Robert Hontz, 509th Medical Operations Squadron Commander, looks on.

How to be a hero one newcomer at a time

By Lt. Col. Robert Hontz

509th Medical Operations Squadron Commander

We're experts at one thing in our outstanding Air Force. It doesn't matter if you're a one-stripe airmen or a four-star general. The one "skill" we possess is being a newcomer to a duty station.

When we're new on the job there's nothing more valuable than an eager, knowledgeable "super sponsor" who helps us get settled. This is why being a good sponsor is so vital to the mission of our Air Force. It makes you a hero to the person you sponsor. Just think of how many military members are new to their job on any given day and you can see why sponsorship is so important.

There is something else important about being a good sponsor to our new folks. When you get those new airmen settled into their new jobs, you're a living, breathing and walking example of our core values. Think about this with

me for a minute.

A sponsor exudes integrity by being responsible and accountable for their new charge. You go the extra mile to ensure your people get what they need, when they need it. Do you remember how great it felt to have your sponsor show you around to all the important offices on your new base?

I've been here a few weeks and can already testify that service before self is alive and well here. I have totally lost track of how many times my sponsor set aside what he was immersed in to answer one of my questions. There was even a sergeant at the shoppette who drove out of her way to show my family and I where the traffic management office was. I know she was on her way somewhere other than TMO, but she diverted to help out a newcomer. That was a wonderful example of respecting the funda-

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Photo by Capt. Tim McWilliams

Show me the money!

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (AFP) — Tech. Sgt. Bill Pauley, a deployed 509th Comptroller Squadron, pays Iraqi vendor Housen Benian for the first loads of gravel for the “tent city” at Tallil Air Base in southern Iraq. Contractor payments at Tallil are made in U.S. cash by Tallil’s Air Force contracting team. Additionally, President George W. Bush recently signed a wartime defense supplemental bill that raises military Family Separation Allowance by \$150 a month and Imminent Danger Pay by \$75 a month. The increases will expire Sept. 30. The increases to IDP and FSA will continue into 2004 only if Congress includes the increases in the fiscal 2004 Defense Appropriations Bill. Members who are required under military orders to leave their family members for more than 30 days are entitled to a Family Separation Allowance. FSA will increase from \$100 a month to \$250. Anyone eligible for FSA since October should see the back pay in their end-of-month April leave and earnings statement. Imminent Danger Pay will increase from \$150 a month to \$225, and again the increase is retroactive to October. Members should check their EOM LES closely to ensure changes were made. For more information, call finance customer service at 687-5375.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacadan

Skelton attends all call

Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, presents a commemorative plaque to U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton, Missouri’s 4th District, at the wing commanders all call April 24. Raaberg thanked Skelton for his support of Whiteman and the 509th Bomb Wing.

Whiteman loses one of its own in accident

Master Sgt. David Dowler, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Red Aircraft Maintenance Unit, died Sunday from injuries sustained during an automobile accident near Preston, Mo.

He is survived by his daughters, Ashley and Krystina Dowler of Windsor, Mo., and LeAnne Mecka of Omaha, Neb.; parents, Richard and Bonnie Dowler of Cole Camp, Mo.; sister, Toni Hagg of Cole Camp, Mo.; brother, Ron Dowler of Omaha, Neb.; and granddaughter, Hannah Meckna.

Dowler was born in Waterloo, Iowa, on Aug. 26, 1960. He arrived at Whiteman in March 1993 and helped set up the 509th Maintenance Squadron electro-environmental shop for the B-2’s. After this, he was assigned to quality assurance as an inspector. He then moved to the 325th Bomb Squadron as specialist section chief. In 2002, he was reassigned to the 509th AMXS and most recently served as the dayshift production supervisor of home-station flying during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Dowler was a member of the Sedalia Harley Owner’s Group and was actively involved in HOG activities. He was an avid supporter of Windsor girls’ sports helping to coach and assist the girls’ softball team. He also participated in an adult



softball league in the Windsor area.

Dowler’s awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with five oak leaf clusters. He was recently chosen as the squadron’s Gen. Lew Allen award recipient for his accomplishments throughout 2002. This award is given in recognition for outstanding achievements in aircraft maintenance production.

A memorial service for Dowler begins at 10:30 a.m. today at the base chapel.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacadan

Here’s to you

Maj. Clayton Perce, 509th Communications Squadron commander and 509th CS members accept a \$425 check from Government Services Agency assistant regional administrator Ronald Williams. Williams donated the check to fund care packages for deployed 509th CS members. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

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Courtesy photo

Master Sgt. Matthew Calbreath, 509th Bomb Wing, prepares to take a ride wearing his personal protective equipment.

Remember safety when riding

By Lt Col. Thomas Bussiere

509th Bomb Wing Chief of Safety

So far for fiscal 2003 there have been nine fatalities Air Forcewide involving motorcycle riders. There has been increased command emphasis on strict compliance with proper personal protection equipment. The 509th Bomb Wing safety office would like to remind motorcycle riders to use this checklist before they ride.

- ✓ Is the bike clear of any deficiencies or mechanical problems?
- ✓ Is the rider prepared with the proper personnel protective equipment and training?

Ensure the proper protective equipment is worn. This includes:

- ✓ An approved Department of Transportation helmet that is marked on the outside and has a label sewn to the liner, identifying it as a DOT, American National Standards Institute or Snell Memorial Foundation approved helmet.
- ✓ Impact- or shatter-resistant goggles, or a full-face shield properly attached to the helmet.
- ✓ Leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes.
- ✓ Long-sleeved shirt or jacket (sleeves on shirt or jacket may not be rolled up).
- ✓ Long trousers.
- ✓ Full-fingered gloves or mittens

designed for use on a motorcycle.

- ✓ A brightly colored full contrasting outer garment or vest during the day and a reflective upper garment during the night. The outer upper garment must be clearly visible and not covered.

Ensure the Motorcyclist has received the proper training this includes:

- ✓ Read and understand Whiteman Air Force Base Instruction 31-204, Installation Traffic Code; Air Force Instruction 91-207, The Air Force Traffic Safety Program; and Department of Defense Instruction 6055.4, DOD Traffic Safety Program, Paragraphs 2.2 and E3.2.7-E3.2.8.
- ✓ Certified motorcycle safety foundation training and a safety counseling from their commander, before they are authorized to operate a motorcycle.

For military members, the motorcycle safety training course must be completed before a rider is allowed to ride on/off duty, on/off base. For civilians, the motorcycle safety training course must be completed before riding on the base installation.

Motorcycle training courses take place June 18 and July 23 for experienced riders and May 16-18 and 30, June 1, 11-12 and 21-22 for beginners.

For more details or to sign up, stop by the wing ground safety shop in Bldg. 509, Suite 208.

Potential problems with car transport company

Recently two airmen fall victim to a California-based company called Moving My Car. The companies official name is Southerland Auto Transport located on the Web at <http://www.movingmycar.com>.

The Better Business Bureau has received 141 complaints regarding Southerland Auto Transport since January 2001.

The company claims to pick up and deliver cars stating the pickup and delivery times are not binding.

However, customers are charged a \$200 fee if they're unhappy with pickup delays and cancel the service. Customers are also charged a \$200 fee and the order is automatically canceled if the customer "harasses" the company. Southerland Auto Transport defines harassment as an abusive or sarcastic

comment.

If a car becomes nonoperational in transit, the customer is charged a \$150 winch fee. There is no language in the contract stating the \$150 fee will only be charged if the vehicle becomes non-operational due to no fault of the company.

Also, all lawsuits against Southerland Auto Transport must be filed in Shasta County, Calif.

The 509th Bomb Wing Legal Office can't directly become involved with this consumer affair due to Air Force Instruction 51-504, Legal Assistance, Notary and Preventative Law Programs.

Anyone having problems with this company can visit the Better Business Bureau Web site at <http://www.bbb.org> to file a complaint.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Tax season in the books

Tech. Sgt. Deborah Jackson, 509th Bomb Wing, sorts through filed tax returns. The tax season ended April 15 and Whiteman's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance representative prepared more than 1,800 returns. The volunteers saved base members \$340,750 in preparation fees and refunded more than \$2.8 million. The legal office can still file electronic refunds for members returning from deployments. For more information, see your unit VITA representative or call the legal office at 687-6809.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Inventory overhaul

Staff Sgt. Allison Korzun, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, checks inventory as it's loaded into the second floor storage area. The 509th LRS Supply Flight began installing the Supply Asset Tracking System Monday. SATS is used to track and control asset inventory and issue processes. The system replaces using paper documents to transfer supplies between the 509th LRS and its customers. SATS is comprised of hand held terminals and network devices, which have the capability of bar code scanning and reading data imbedded on a customer's smart card. The smart card will contain the information and authorizations necessary to complete the transaction. SATS will affect base members who process and receive parts from the squadron; reducing the time it takes to process and document the transfer. People who are required to receive property will be issued a smart card through the 509th LRS customer service counter. For more details, call the 509th LRS customer service counter at 687-1165.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bill Huntington

Scouting out the scene

Staff Sgt. Matthew Boden, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, autographs the back of a Boy Scout's T-shirt during the Lone Bear District's Aviation Camporee held here April 25-Sunday. More than 500 participants camped at the north lake, toured the Oscar-01 facility, flew the B-2 simulator and sat in an A-10 cockpit. The campers also laid a .75-mile stretch of gravel to improve the path around the lake. Members of the 509th Security Forces Squadron gave a firearms demonstration and taught a firearms safety class. The Boy Scouts also had a photo taken in front of a B-2. One of the event organizers, Randy White, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, said everyone on base helped the Scouts have memorable weekend.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Run for your life

Family Spirit team member Tasha Zullig and The Cool Dogs team member Aimee Nicolson participate in Whiteman Elementary School's "Kids that Care Club" mini Relay for Life April 24. The girls were among 21 four-person teams who participated in the fundraising event. More than \$3,000 was raised and will be donated to the National Cancer Society. Tasha's parents are Kim and Tech. Sgt. Steve Stoddard, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Aimee's parents are Master Sgt. Cory and Sheryl Nicolson, 509th Bomb Wing.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Changes at commissary

The commissary's primary distributor filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Other companies are stepping in to fill the gap with their products; however, some products may be unavailable. Commissary representatives are speaking with major suppliers to find a permanent solution to the problem. The case lot sale will go on as scheduled however, customers may not see some of the products regularly available.

1st Sergeant's View

(Editor's note: The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum. Each week, a different first sergeant will share their view.)



Photos by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Left: Tech. Sgt. Robert Agard, 509th Communications Squadron, talks about his retraining process with Senior Master Sgt. Ken Raub, 509th CS first sergeant. Agard retrained out of the security forces career field into the computer systems career field. Right: Senior Master Sgt. Ken Raub, 509th CS first sergeant, reads over the message about the NCO retraining program. The Air Force recently released details about reviving the NCO Retraining Program, which seeks to anticipate and balance out some "stressed" career fields when compared to career fields that may be over-manned. Gen. John Jumper, Air Force chief of staff, indicated that 1,400 troops will be asked to transition from less stressed to more stressed career fields. Initially, volunteers will be sought, but if sufficient volunteers don't step up to the challenge the Air Force will volunteer you, Raub said. People in less stressed career fields will be identified and notified. If you're one of those troops, you should consider looking at the list and having a say in your future — it's your best opportunity to maintain control of your career! For more information, contact your first sergeant or Senior Master Sgt. Bobby Rush, career assistance advisor, at 687-7829.



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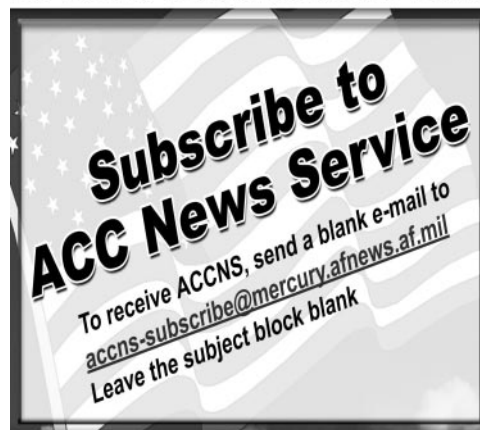
mental worth of every person.

Each stop on my recent inprocessing trail revealed proof of excellence and continuing improvement. I've played this game long enough to remember how many tries it used to take to get your travel voucher accepted. Back then, it seemed like a year before you received your money. Now, our professionals at finance hold a group newcomer's session where they ensure your travel voucher is done correctly the first time. When they say, "You will have your money in five working days," they mean exactly that.

Last, but by no means least, is one final reason to be a "super sponsor." This one isn't located in our "little blue book," but it rolls off the tongue of every leader you will ever run into in your career. From our chief of staff to the exceptional leadership here, taking care of our people is vital to our Air Force. When you help that newcomer to find TMO or our combat camera shop, you're telling them we really care for our folks.

I hope you agree that no red cape, super-human strength or web climbing ability is needed to be a "super sponsor." When you spot people displaying that "I'm new to Whiteman" expression, help them out. You will be a super hero to those newcomers simply by helping when they need it most.

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Tech. Sgt. Teddy Anderson

509th Civil Engineer Squadron

Tech. Sgt. Teddy Anderson, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, Monday.

Capt. James Elwell, 509th Medical Support Squadron, nominated Anderson for the award.

Elwell was driving on Spirit Boulevard recently when his tire went flat. He pulled into Discovery Hall's parking lot to fix it. Anderson noticed Elwell's situation and offered to help.

He took Elwell to work, returned to the disabled vehicle, used a commercial roadside tire sealant and found an air tank to inflate the tire. Instead of calling Elwell to get the vehicle, he drove it to the clinic and took the keys to the captain.

"I feel that Tech. Sgt. Anderson displays the very qualities people should strive to attain in service before self," said Elwell. "He definitely went out of his way to help me and would not accept any reimbursement for the expenses he incurred inflating my tire."

Personally Speaking

Duty Title: Discovery Hall dormitory manager

Time on station: 11 years

Time in service: 15 years

Hometown: Petersburg, W.Va.

Spouse: Angela

Children: Teddy III, 14, Katlynnne, 11, and Timothy, 1

Goals: To do what I can to help the airmen living in the dorms.

Hobbies: Go carting, four wheeling, traveling, hunting and boating.

Pet Peeves: People who complain about Whiteman.

Best thing about Whiteman: The people.

What motivates your winning spirit? The positive attitudes demonstrated by our leaders.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? I would like to see Whiteman go to a compressed work schedule where every other weekend would be a three-day weekend.

Spirit spotlights

... on recent NCO academy graduates: **Tech Sgts.**

Bruce Solberg, John Waller, Leroy Foster, Royce Moore, Patrick Crickard and Noberto Lopezperez, 509th Maintenance Squadron; **Michael Larocque, Michael Shankel and Shawn Groder,** 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Brian Tallberg, Timothy Cash and Samuel Stoecklin,** 509th Medical Operations Squadron; **Monica Botch and Barton Howe,** 509th Med Group; **James Burge and Teddy Anderson,** 509th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Gregory Gasper and Scott Gurney,** 509th Bomb Wing; and **James Jackson,** 394th Comptroller Squadron.

... on **Staff Sgt. William Runyan,** 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and **Airmen 1st Class Scott Horr,** 509th Mission Support Squadron; **Angel Rodriguez,** 509th AMXS, **Trevor Casebolt,** 509th Security Forces Squadron; and **Summer Connor,** 509th Medical Group, and **Airman Randy Willets,** 509th AMXS. for achieving at least a 90 percent on their career development course end-of-course test.

... on **Tech. Sgt. Joel Klonowski,** 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, **Bill Haas,** 509th Operations Support Squadron team member, and **Tim Merkh,** 509th Security Forces Squadron team member for their top three ranking in the intramural fishing tournaments.

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Civilian Employee of the Week

Lisa Hasberger, base training and education services counselor, was nominated for this award by Capt. May Chiranand, 509th Bomb Wing Legal Office. Hasberger called the captain, who participated in the Squadron Officer School Correspondence Program by correspondence, to notify her when the next exam would be available. Hasberger then followed through to make sure the exam was completed and sent Chiranand an e-mail when the test results were released. "This aided my time management. Outside of work, I had to balance my time between personal life and studying for four exams," Chiranand said. "Ms. Hasberger's attention to detail continued even after the completion of the course to ensure that the SOS course completion was on record. Her assistance has always been kind and courteous."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Airman 1st Class Haliimaile Kaaui, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, checks oil levels in a road sweeper before going out on a job. The heavy repair flight member is a native of Hawaii.

Celebrate Asian-Pacific heritage

May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. This year's theme is "Salute to Liberty." The 509th Bomb Wing Military Equal Opportunity staff has organized various activities and displays throughout the month in an effort to create an awareness of this cultural heritage. The events are:

- ✓ The base library book display, featuring APA works and achievements.
- ✓ Whiteman Elementary School students will display murals throughout the base.

- ✓ The Stars and Strikes bowling center is running a special on May 23.
 - ✓ a martial arts exhibition and ethnic food sampling at the community center May 17.
 - ✓ A Japanese cultural exhibit is on display throughout the month at the community center. The display is on loan from the Japanese Consulate in Kansas City Mo.
- To volunteer, call Tech. Sgts. Pedro Canabal or Gina Anderson at 687-5742 or 687-5738.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Airman leadership school Class 03-D members run in formation through base housing. The jog is part of the schools curriculum to promote wellness.

ALS graduates 24 future NCOs

Airman leadership school Class 03-D graduated 24 senior airmen in a ceremony Wednesday at Mission's End.

The award winners were:

Brian Mosley, 509th Communications Squadron, John L. Levitow.

Charles Loftus, 509th Maintenance Squadron, Distinguished Graduate and Leadership Award.

John Stubbs, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Academic Achievement Award

The other graduates were:

Yolanda Hunter, 509th Medical Group Operation Squadron.

Wade Byler, Rafael Gonzalez, Jeffrey Southward and Jeffrey Turner, 509th Security Forces Squadron.

Daniel Sipel, 509th Munitions Squadron.

Anthony Grindle, 509th MXS.

Nicholas Ferebee, Joshua Lewis, Charles Speer, Blain Tollefson, Jared Roth, Brian Simmons and Justin Valdez, 509th AMXS.

Lucky Talmage, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Nickolas Niedbalski, John Kaufmann and Jared Calvin, 509th Logistical Support Squadron.

Adam Kilgore, 509th Operation Support Squadron.

Chad Obermiller, 509th Contracting Squadron.

Howell Heron, 509th Services Squadron.

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Auto skills open during road work

Richard Tallant, Chester Bross Construction, adjusts the road closed sign in front of the car wash. Vandenberg Avenue is closed between 8th and 9th Streets for the next eight weeks. During this time, the auto skills center and car wash will remain open. People can enter the auto skills center and the car wash through the back parking lot.

Down the drain



Senior Airman Robert Joyce, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron utility system operator, opens a valve to pump grit from the bottom of the influent chamber into a temporary holding bin. All of the base's wastewater is piped to the wastewater treatment plant. The first step in treating the water is to grind the solid waste and deoxygenate the water so the solid waste drops to the bottom of the tank.



Staff Sgt. Robert Shover, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron utility system operator, uses a skimmer to remove debris from one of two primary settling tanks. The waste water is pumped to primary settling tanks for the second step in the water treatment process. The tanks remove up to 90 percent of all solids from the water. The water is then sent to the trickling filter and the solid waste is sent to the digestive building.



Utility system operator Staff Sgt. Courtney Simmons, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, tests a water samples for contaminants. Water treatment plant members test water for acidity, alkalinity, temperature, suspended solids, metals, cyanides, chemical oxygen demand and biochemical oxygen demand. The water tests are done at various stages of the treatment process to monitor and ensure the plant is running efficiently, and within Missouri Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Agency guidelines.



Senior Airman Robert Joyce, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, tests a valve in the pipe room. The pipe room is the heart of the digestive building. The digestive building works like a huge stomach to break-down the sludge. The temperature in this building is maintained between 90 and 101 degrees Fahrenheit to sustain the anaerobic organisms needed to breakdown the sludge. One of the types of micro-organisms eats the inorganic waste and produce organic acids. The other type eats the organic acid and produces methane gas which is burned off. If the temperature and conditions are not properly maintained, the methane producers die, resulting in an acid build up.



Senior Airman Robert Joyce, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Utilities Flight, operates the press. After the sludge is broken down in the digestive building, it's pumped to the press building and blended with a polymer mix to coagulate. The thickened sludge is then run through the press to squeeze out the water. The water is sent back to the head works to restart the entire process. The pressed sludge, called cake, resembles dirt and is left outside to cure. The cake is then spread on the property behind the waste water treatment plant. Due to the cake's nature, after it's spread it must not be touched for a minimum of one year.



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Senior Airman Robert Joyce, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, works on the trickle filter. The trickle filter is an eight-foot-deep rock filled basin that is 102 feet in diameter. The rocks are covered in a solgel slime giving microscopic organisms that clean the water a place to live. Using the trickle filter classifies the plant as a biological water treatment facility. After being filtered, some of the water is recycled through the filter, some is sent back to the beginning of the process and the rest is sent to the final settling tank. The solid waste is piped to the digestive building. The wastewater treatment plant processes 800 to 1,130 thousand gallons of water daily. Whiteman's facility removes up to 98 percent of all impurities making it the most effective biologic water treatment plant in Missouri.



Senior Airman Robert Joyce, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, takes a water sample from the plant's outgoing flow. Water samples are also taken 100 yards up and downstream, and one mile downstream to monitor the facility's environmental impact.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan

Shave it all off

Karen O'Camb, Mission's End chef, shaves the head of Maj. Scott Ross, 509th Services Squadron commander. Ross challenged the club to "wow" Easter Brunch attendants and promised to shave off his hair if they succeeded. Ross said they delivered. A Mother's Day brunch begins at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. May 11 at Mission's End. Call 687-4422 to make reservations.

Menus

Knob Noster Elementary School

- Monday:** Bean burrito, broccoli, peaches and cookie
- Tuesday:** Hot dog, macaroni salad, yogurt and trail mix
- Wednesday:** Chicken patty, mashed potatoes, peas, pears and roll
- Thursday:** Egg roll, rice, beets and peaches
- May 10:** Ham sandwich, carrot, apple and fruit rollup

Whiteman Elementary School

- Monday:** Nachos with beef, salad, pork with beans and pudding
- Tuesday:** Cheese pizza, salad, corn and fruit cobbler
- Wednesday:** Pork roast, baked potatoes, green beans, fruit and roll
- Thursday:** Cheeseburger macaroni, salad, potato rounds and fruit salad
- May 10:** Corn dog nuggets, fries, salad and fruit crisp

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Scholarship winners



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The Whiteman Enlisted Community Organization and the Officers' Spouses' Club, and First Command Financial awarded six high school seniors a \$1,000 or a \$500 scholarship April 24 at Mission's End. Pictured are: Col. Doug and Claudia Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander; students: Amberle Sherman, Jason Key, Kristen Savage, Anthony Shoop, Michelle Dier and Jeffrey Hendricks; Jerri Schoeck, wife of Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th BW vice commander; Carolyn Petrina scholarship program coordinator; and Lisa Johnson, WOSC president. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.



The Whiteman Enlisted Community Organization and the Officers' Spouses' Club, and First Command Financial awarded six spouses a \$750, a \$500 or a \$250 scholarships at Mission's End April 24. Pictured are: Col. Doug and Claudia Raaberg 509th Bomb Wing commander; winners Emily Sipp, Beth Rowe, Jennifer Hults, Kathaleen Rogers, Vickie Hunt and Silvia Jennings; Carolyn Petrina, scholarship program coordinator; Jerri Schoeck, wife of Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th BW vice commander; and Lisa Johnson, WOSC president. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

What's happening

Education

For more details, visit <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm>

English composition test

The education center offers the English composition with essay college-level examination materials test at noon June 3. The deadline to sign up is Tuesday. Call 687-5750 for more details.

All-schools graduation set

✓ The base training and education services office closes at 11 a.m. May 9 for the all-schools graduation. For more details, call Cathy Brogan at 687-5750.

✓ The all-schools graduation for the Community College of the Air Force, State Fair Community College, Park University and Webster University begins at 6 p.m. May 9 at Knob Noster Middle School.

Community

Case lot sale set

A spring case lot sale takes place 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today and Saturday at the commissary. For more details, call 687-5655.

Head Start sign up available

Applications for enrollment in the Head Start Program for fall 2003 classes are being accepted through May 16. for children ages 3-5. Free educational, social, medical, dental and nutritional services are provided for children from families with limited income, and children with disabilities. Services are also available for pregnant teens, infants and toddlers.

For more details, call the Warrensburg Head Start Center at 660-429-1144 or the Knob Noster Head Start Center at 563-3751. Class sizes are limited.

Theme parks offer free tickets

Military members can receive a one-day free admission to one of six Anheuser-Busch theme parks May 23 through Nov. 11. The free admission includes up to four family members, and the military members don't have to be present for their spouses and children to visit a park. For more details, visit <http://www.4adventure.com>.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Spouses' Appreciation Day set

A Spouses' Appreciation Day takes place 9 a.m.-4 p.m. May 9 at the family support center. The free classes include scrapbooking, healthy cooking, spouse benefits, B-2 and Oscar-01 tours and more. Call for more details.

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Planting new life

Cory Nicolson and Katie Tobias, youth center conservation club members, plant a tree at the base nature trail April 24. For the eighth consecutive year, Whiteman received Tree City USA honors from the National Arbor Day Foundation. To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance. They were two of 10 school-aged program members who planted trees. Cory's parents are Master Sgt. Cory and Sheryl Nicolson, 509th Bomb Wing. Katie's parents are Tech. Sgt. Darren and Patty Tobias 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron.



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Bad hair day

Scott Norwood places a "bad hair day" balloon hat on Sarah Basham as her mother, Angie, looks on. Sarah's father is Lt. Col. Steven Basham, 325th Bomb Squadron. The Warrensburg Military Affairs Committee and the Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club sponsored the free event April 25 at the Warrensburg Community Center. "This is our way of saying thank you to our military families for all they contribute on a daily basis," said Tammy Long, Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce executive director. "We're doing this because it's important to support our military families. This also gives people an opportunity to relax since everyone has been working hard." The event was open to Team Whiteman members and their families. The free activities included swimming, basketball, volleyball, chiropractic services. Norwood is a balloon artist with the Plain Clothes Clown company of Warrensburg.



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Right back atcha

Above: Jason Aeschliman, 509th Mission Support Squadron, tips the ball back at members of the Chiefs extramural volleyball team. Aeschliman is a member of the 509th Services Squadron team, which recorded a 25-21, 25-19 triumph over the Chiefs to win the extramural championship. The Chiefs went undefeated during the regular season. Right: Clinton Martens, 509th Services Squadron, squats to make a crucial dig against the Chiefs extramural volleyball team, as SVS back row mate Sarah Haylett looks on. Tough defense like this helped the 509th SVS claim the extramural championship and hand the Chiefs its second loss.

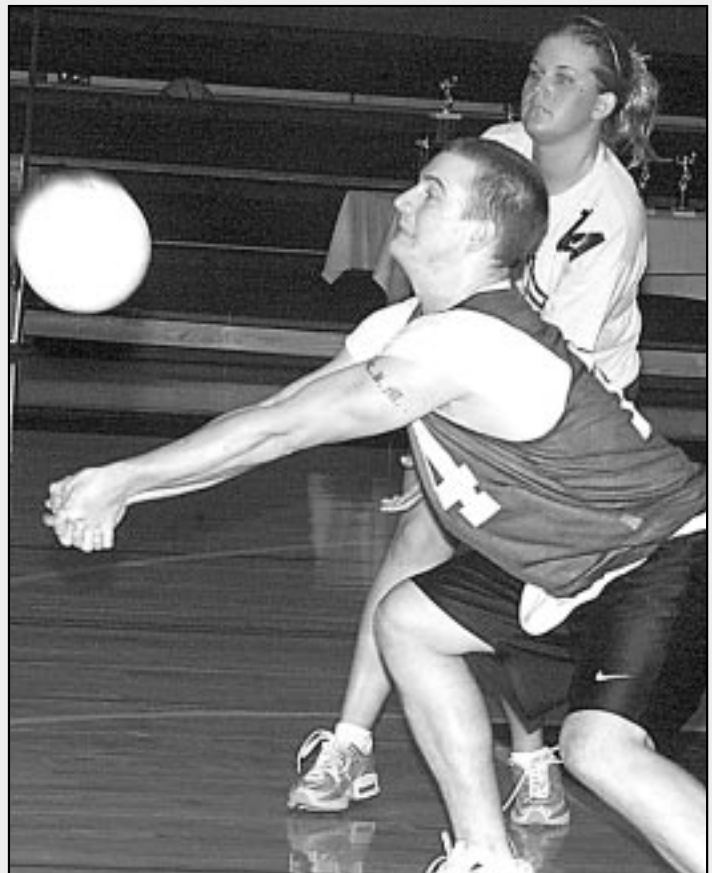


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The Tiger Woods of ACC?

Tech. Sgt. Joe Eccleton, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, demonstrates the stroke that helped him get selected for the Air Combat Command golf team. Eccleton will travel with the squad to battle the Royal Air Force team from May 31 to June 14 in Scotland.



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First class service(s)

Members of the 509th Services Squadron extramural volleyball team, the 509th SVS mascot, SeeMore Services, and Cynthia McMillan, 509th SVS sports director, pose with the first-place trophy after 509th SVS beat the Chiefs team, two games to none. In the first game, SVS jumped out to a 10-5 lead, but the Chiefs led by Robert Niswonger, 509th Bomb Wing, closed the gap to 16-13. However, SVS rebounded behind solid serves from 509th SVS members Sarah Haylett and Clinton Martens, to win the first game 25-21. In the second game, SVS trailed the Chiefs early 11-14, but roared back reeling seven consecutive points to take an 18-14 lead and held on to win 25-19.



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Tickets & Travel **687-5643**

Open Saturdays

Tickets & Travel is open 8-11 a.m. Saturdays. People can purchase Science City tickets and receive free admission to the American Originals and Busytown exhibits today through Sunday. Tickets are also available to Worlds of Fun, Silver Dollar City and more. For more details, call or stop by Tickets & Travel inside the community center.

Outdoor Recreation **687-5565**

Intramural fishing tournament

Bass fishermen can still sign up for the intramural bass fishing tournament Thursday. Fishing begins at 1 p.m. at Long Shoals Marina boat launch in Warsaw, Mo. The cost is \$20. To register, stop by outdoor recreation.

Day on the lake

Pack a lunch, bring a swimsuit and take a trip 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. May 8 at Long Shoals Marina in Warsaw, Mo. The events include: launching a boat, swimming, lunch at the marina and watching the intramural fishing weigh-in. Cost is \$10. Sign up by Tuesday.

Hiking, picnic at Ha Ha Tonka State Park

Pack a lunch and explore nature hiking with friends and family in 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. May 10 in Camdenton, Mo. Participants depart outdoor recreation at 8 a.m. and return by 4:30 p.m. Cost for transportation is \$5 per person and \$15 for a family of four or more.

Open water scuba class

Marty Naaktgeboren, Sandy Paws diving instructor, teaches a one-week course on open water scuba diving 6-10 p.m. June 9-13. Cost is \$190 for the class. Students must attend an orientation class May 13 at outdoor recreation and can purchase scuba gear after attending this orientation. Sign up by May 13.

Stars & Strikes Bowling Center **687-5114**

Spring leagues

Sign up for the spring leagues today through May 19.



Kids can learn to golf

Youth ages 6-13 can learn how to golf June 2-6 at Royal Oaks Golf Course. The cost is \$49.95 and includes golf clubs. The cost is \$25 for youth with golf clubs. This program includes five one-hour sessions, training booklets and a nine-hole parent/child tournament. Sign up by May 12 at Royal Oaks. For more information, call 687-5572. Participants can win a one-day pass to Worlds of Fun. Sponsored in part by Fowler's Family Autos. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Fitness Center **687-5496**

Varsity softball tryouts

Varsity softball tryouts take place today through May 9. Anyone who wants to try out must sign up at the fitness center.

Family Child Care **687-5590/1180**

Provider Appreciation Social

Team Whiteman and family members are invited to an appreciation social at 7 p.m. May 9 at the community center to honor family childcare providers. This is a free event.

Teen Center **687-5819**

Cinco de Mayo

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo 6-10 p.m. Saturday at the teen center. Teens can enjoy free beverages and a 50 cent taco bar. Cost is \$2.

TRAIL meeting

Teens can plan outdoor adventure programs for the summer at the TRAIL meeting 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday. Teens can enter a drawing to represent Whiteman at the Air Combat Command Teen TRAIL event in July.

Youth employment skills orientation

Ninth through 12th graders (graduates of 2003 are not eligible) can attend an employment skills meeting beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday and May 22 at the teen center. Teens get an opportunity to learn job skills and earn \$4 per hour toward college tuition by volunteering at base organizations during the summer. Air Force sponsors or a person with power of attorney must attend the meeting with the teen.

Youth Center **687-5586**

B.R.I.D.G.E.

Five- through 12-year-old children of deployed military members can participate in games 3-5 p.m. Saturdays. Call 687-5586 each Monday to make reservations. This is a free program.

Pre-teen scene hangout

Fifth through seventh graders can play games and hang out with friends 6-9 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers.

Awesome animal night

Kindergartners through fourth graders can play games and enjoy a snakes alive show 6:30-9:30 p.m. May 9. The cost is \$4 for members and \$5.50 for nonmembers.

Junior teen lock-in

Fifth through seventh graders can enjoy a night of games and movies at a lock-in beginning at 10 p.m. May 9 and ending at 7 a.m. May 10 at the youth center. Food, drinks and breakfast will be provided. Cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for nonmembers. Sign up today through Thursday. There will be no pre-teen night or open recreation May 10 due to this event.

End of school Hawaiian luau

Fifth through seventh graders can celebrate the end of the school year with Hawaiian dancing, karaoke, limbo and more 6-9 p.m. May 24 at the base lake pavilion. Cost is \$5 for members and \$6 for nonmembers. Dinner will be provided. Sign up Monday through May 22.

Summer specialty camp

Youths ages 9-12 can register for the summer specialty camp today through May 29. Youths can participate in creative arts, physical fitness, life skills and other programs 11:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. weekdays June 2-June 27. Sign up for a specific week or all four weeks. Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for nonmembers for each week.

Community Center **687-5617**

Tantalizing Toddler Contest

Parents can enter their child, 12-24 months, in the tantalizing toddler contest today through Thursday at the community center. No copyrighted photos are allowed. The public will vote on winners until May 23. Prizes will be awarded for the top three winners. Valid military ID card holders only.

Dogs
on
'Pawade
Pawty'
2-4 p.m.
May 10
Skelton
Park



Dogs and owners can wear costumes, have fun, play games, watch Air Force dog demonstrations and win prizes! Treats are provided for everyone! Contests include: best trick, most obedient, best matching outfits, and pet and owner look-a-likes. This is a free event. More information is available at the base veterinarian clinic and Pet Exchange in Knob Noster. Sponsored in-part by Diamond Pet Food. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

'Darts Vader' throw-a-thon

Challenge others in a game of darts 2 p.m. Saturday to win the title of "Darts Vader." Open to all ages. Cost is \$3.

Royals vs Blue Jays

Watch a ball game and a fireworks show at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo., 5:30-9:30 p.m. May 16. The game features "Dodge Buck Night." Hot dogs, soda and peanuts are \$1 each. Cost is \$12 and includes transportation and admission.

Skills Development Center **687-5691**

Scrapbooking class

Students can learn the art of scrapbooking to preserve photos 6-8 p.m. May 13 or 10 a.m.-noon May 19. Cost is \$10 plus supplies. Bring four to six pictures.

Annual Spring Craft Bizarre

The annual spring craft bizarre takes place 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 17. Vendors can reserve a space today through May 15. Cost is a \$10 vendor fee.

Six-week stained glass panel class

Learn to make stained glass panels 6-9 p.m. Thursdays. The cost is \$45 plus supplies. Participants can join any Thursday class.

Whiteman Base Theater

Friday

Dreamcatcher R 7 p.m.

Starring — Donnie Wahlberg & Jason Lee
Four friends perform a heroic act, and in the process receive special powers. Now grown, the four reunite for a hunting trip. The trip is interrupted by a stranger, and the friends must band together to battle a mysterious alien force.

Saturday

Bringing Down The House PG-13 7 p.m.

Starring — Steve Martin & Queen Latifah
Peter is a divorced attorney who's doing his best to move on with his life. He's been chatting online and when his new friend comes to his house he discovers, she's not who he thinks it is.

Sunday

Bringing Down The House PG-13 5:30 p.m.

Starring — Steve Martin & Queen Latifah

Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50

Movie recording line 687-5110.

Movies are subject to change due to availability.

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